

Moved by W. Bro. John Graham, seconded by W. Bro. James Brodie, District Master, and

*Resolved*,—That the Report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees be received and adopted.

Moved by R. W. Bro. W. M. Lockhart, County Master, South Simcoe, seconded by W. Bro. Robert Henderson, District Master, Essa, and

*Resolved*,—That all Petitions, Appeals and the County Lodge Reports be received and referred to the proper committees for consideration.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read telegrams, deeply regretting absence, from the following brethren, who are members of the Parliament of Canada, now assembled at Ottawa :

R. W. Bro. N. C. Wallace, West York.

W. Bro. Col. Richard Tyrwhitt, South Simcoe.

W. Bro. Alexander, McNeill, North Bruce.

W. Bro. Thomas Farrow, North Huron.

And a second one in reference to condition of affairs in Egypt, which were loudly applauded, and ordered to be noted in the minutes ; also a congratulatory one from R. W. Bro. William Johnson, Grand Master Ontario East, conveying fraternal wishes ; and messages from W. Bros. R. P. Campbell, County Master, Peel, and James C. Watters, Past County Master, Oxford, deeply regretting absence.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then presented and read the Grand Treasurer's Report :

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West :*

BRETHREN,—I beg to submit for your consideration the usual financial statement of your Grand Treasurer's Office for the year ending 18th February, 1885, accompanied by schedules and vouchers, showing in detail receipts and expenditures and amounts still owing by various Lodges and Counties in the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to call your attention to the gratifying condition of the finances. During the year I have received from all sources the very handsome sum of \$2,245.45, which includes \$465.43 assessments collected on account of death claims of the widows of deceased members of the Orange Mutual Benevolent Association.

The balance on hand at the end of last Orange fiscal year was \$1,160.01, which, with the total amount received during the year, and a cheque for \$40 not yet returned to bank, being donation of Grand Lodge to Hamilton Protestant Orphans' Home, sent to a Past County